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GIRON, MARILEE

Serial No.: 10/008,276

Filed: November 8, 2001

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OPTIMIZING INGREDIENT  
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Docket No.: 5605USA

FILING OF MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

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Applicant has received a Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application--Filing Date Granted. The notice indicated that the following items were missing:

1. The oath or declaration.

Please find enclosed a Declaration executed by the inventors.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Notice. The fee is herewith made from Deposit Account No. 07-0900.

Respectfully submitted,

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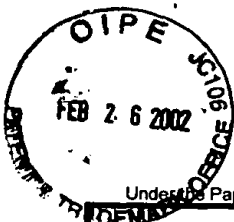
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103	203	9	Claims in excess of 20	
102	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
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139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2520	147	2520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
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117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	220	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1510	138	1510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1280	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129 (a))	
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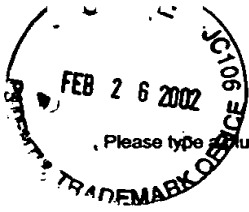
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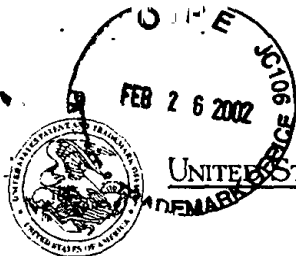
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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